

**Bristol Bay Draft Assessment
Notification Calls Guide—RICK PARKIN
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ASSIGNED CALLS:

PERSON/ENTITY	PHONE NUMBER
May 16, 2pm: Consultation call with 31 tribes	(Tami setting up)
May 16, 4pm: Six tribes who originally petitioned EPA	(Rick has them)
May 16, 4pm: Bristol Bay Commerical Fishing Assoc. (Bob Waldrop)	907-223-1588

Rolling out the draft assessment:

- I'm calling to let you know we are issuing a draft of our Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment on May 18.
- We anticipate a high level of interest from media and stakeholders.
- I want to give you brief notice that our assessment is coming out so you'll be prepared.
- Our staff is ready to provide more substantive information and briefings on our assessment upon request.

What the draft assessment is:

- This is a draft scientific document – it is not a regulatory determination.
- EPA has made no decision about whether or not it's going to use its authorities under the Clean Water Act or other laws with regard to mining in Bristol Bay.
- This assessment will ultimately provide valuable information to consider in future decision-making, so we want to ensure we covered our bases on the science and are releasing this draft for public comment.
- Much of our assessment describes the unparalleled Bristol Bay ecosystem and salmon resource. We relied on existing science to illustrate what makes this ecosystem so healthy. None of the findings are surprising or unexpected.
- Our draft findings are clear that mining development in Bristol Bay could pose serious risks to salmon.
- It is important to note that this is the beginning of the process, not the end.
- This assessment is an EPA-led initiative, but we worked with federal, state and tribal partners to compile the best available science. We look forward to more of this collaboration.

What to expect next:

- Our comment period begins today and ends July 23.
- We plan to hold public meetings in the Bristol Bay region and Anchorage to ensure as many people as possible have a chance to make comments.

- We are seeking input from a range of stakeholders and experts.
- The draft assessment will be subject to rigorous peer review to make sure the science is comprehensive and accurate.
- We will have the draft assessment posted on our website with informational materials.